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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'll call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask Senator DeCamp a question to be certain that I did not misrepresent what the nature of his amendment is. Senator DeCamp....

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will your amendment require the Board of Equalization to do whatever is necessary to be done with the taxes?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now Senator Wiitala raised an interesting issue when he talked about crises, one at the state level, one at the city level. Now the Board of Equalization consists of five members, three Republicans, two demagogues. If we are playing political hard ball, what is to say it is not going to be transferred to the Board of Equalization and are you giving Senator DeCamp the winning hand? I don't know anything about cards but I know that if you've got four aces, I think, and you've got a deck with fifty-two cards that beats anything else. Now what you are doing for Senator DeCamp is putting him in a position to trump everybody. You're not going to give the half percent sales tax increase, Senator Morehead, that you wanted, you are going to put it back to the Board of Equalization which is where you put it during the special session or after it and trusted them to do something. There are three Republicans and two Democrats. As bad as the education in this country is most people still know that three are more than two. If it comes to a vote and three vote one way and two vote the other the three win. So, what are you going to do if you adopt Senator DeCamp's amendment? You're not going to do anything. You are going to leave everything exactly as it is and say if the Board of Equalization, as Republicans, decide that they are going to vote to raise the sales and the income tax to create a fund to bail